

REMARKS

Applicant is canceling claims 3-9, 11-12, 19-26, and 32-47 without prejudice.

Claim 1 is presented in its original form since it has been allowed.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the elements of dependent claim 7. Claim 7 was objected too because it was based on rejected independent claim 2 and rejected dependent claim 4. Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner allow claim 2 in its present form.

Claim 10 has been amended to remove the 112 antecedent basis rejection. Previously claim 10 depended on claims 4 which depended on claim 2. In order to remove the antecedent basis rejection claim 10 is now independent and includes the elements from claims 9, 5, & 2. Inclusion of these elements will prevent the objection due to a rejected base claim. The language used in the elements also overcomes the antecedent basis rejection by giving a proper basis for the terms "said step of displaying interactive selectable time slot symbols." Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner allow claim 10 in its present form.

Claim 13 has been amended to remove the objection due to it being reliant upon a rejected base claim. Claim 13 now includes the elements of claims 6 and 2. Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner allow claim 13 in its present form.

Claim 14 has been amended to give the proper format for the acronym UOGM. The format the same as that from the allowed claim 1. Therefore the applicant respectfully requests that claim 14 be made ready for allowance.

Claims 15-18:

Since there are no 35 USC §102 or 103 rejections for these claims, and the examiner in his office action does not specify any 35 USC § 112 rejections for these claims the applicant assumes that the rejection of claims 15 to 18 is based on the fact that they are dependent claims based on claim 14 which was rejected. Since applicant has amended claim 14 for allowance he respectfully requests that claims 15-18 be made ready for allowance or that the examiner clarify his basis of rejection.

Claim 19: 35 USC § 112 rejection

The applicant requests clarification of the examiner's rejection of "said UOGM" due to lack of antecedent basis. Applicant argues that UOGM is defined in its first instance in the independent claim as "a User Operated Group Machine (UOGM)."

Applicant requests that the examiner clarify the rejection, because the examiner in claim 1, allowed the exact same language, "a User Operated Group Machine (UOGM)," without giving applicant an antecedent basis rejection. The specification at [0002] to [0003] and other paragraphs, provide a description for a "User Operated Group Machine." Although applicant is canceling claim 19, he is using it in his amended claim 27 so the objection must be addressed by applicant. Further clarification is needed.

Claim 27 has been amended to overcome the objection due to being dependent on a rejected base claim 20 which is dependent on independent claim 19. Claim 27 has been amended as an independent claim to overcome the objection and includes the elements in claims 19 and 20. Clarification on the antecedent rejection from claim 19 is requested. Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner allow claim 27 in its present form.

Claims 28-31:

The objection to claims 28 to 31 should be removed due to the amending of claim 27. Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner allow claims 28-31 in their present form.

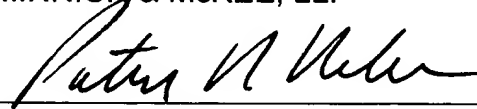
CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-2, 10, 13-18, and 27-31) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Patrick R. Roche, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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